

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0035], at page 8 as follows:

[0035] As described above, the present invention encompasses methods for manufacturing ~~table~~ tablet dosage forms which overcome the segregation and dosage uniformity problems posed during the manufacture of dosage forms comprising cushioning components. The methods involve co-processing multiple components, in particular, active and cushioning components, into an active cushioning component which is capable of being compressed into a ~~table~~ tablet dosage form. Such dosage forms have a uniform distribution of active components throughout the cushioning components. During transportation and storage, the multiple components are prevented from segregating, thereby insuring dosage uniformity of the resulting tablets.

Please amend paragraph [0104], at page 22 as follows:

In one embodiment, the active-loaded particle is formed in layers. Active-loaded particles formed by a layering process will typically have the active ingredients deposited around an inert nonpareil seed. The cushioning component [is] then forms a cushioning layer around the active-loaded particles during a subsequent compression process. A cross-sectional view of such active cushioning component is shown in FIG. 1. Here, the active ingredients are dispersed in a binder solution that can be layered onto the nonpareil seeds using a typical fluid-bed coater. A non-limiting example of a suitable binder solution comprises low-viscosity hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose.